

'TIS FAIRIES' NIGHT.

ALL HALLOWEEN, WHEN TO YOUR
SIGHT MAY BE, I WEEN,

Revealed Your Future Spouse's Fate, Is
All Its Ugliness and Grace—That's What
They Think In the "Auld Conntree," but
Hardly, I Trow, on This Side the Sea.

A Scotch writer who contributed an
article to an American newspaper about
Halloween last year declared himself
"very much impressed by the almost
universal observance of Halloween and
its old customs in America." He added
that the forms most taken by the observ-
ance of the night there were, and equal-
ly to his interest, rather Scotch-Irish
than English. Farther on he says that
"Halloween has always been and still



LIFTING AND LUGGING OF GATES.

is the feast of the year, when gentle
and simple meet and enjoy themselves
together, irrespective of social barrier
and caste, so rigorously observed on
other occasions."

This view of Halloween will perhaps
be entirely new to a majority of those
who read this writing. Halloween is
observed in the United States, to be
sure, and perhaps in some parts of the
country with some of the same super-
stition that marks its observance among
those who dwell on the British Isles,
but this is rarely the fact among those
of the "old time American stock." This
is especially true of those descended
from the Puritans. Those sturdy old
iconoclasts cast out all sorts of belief
regarding saints' days and pagan festi-
vals, including even Christmas and the
Eastertide, in their prohibition of cele-
brations that savored of either the Ro-
man church or the Druids. The observ-
ance of Halloween is a mixture of
both, and I have no doubt that there
are many thousands in the United
States, some of whom will read these
words, who were in as dense ignorance
of Halloween in their childhood as
was a business man of one of our
largest cities with whom I conversed
the other day.

"I never heard of Halloween" at all
when I was a boy," said this man. "I
never heard of Easter either until I
was 17 or 18. Full knowledge of both
did not come to me till I 'went away to
school' with money I had earned work-
ing in the hayfield and the apple or-
chard, and then I read their history in
the 'Book of Days.' But I knew all
about Paas (I used to spell it Paas) and
cabbage night. I used to hide eggs in
the haymow for days, waiting for the
first, and the standing cabbages and the
springing gates of the neighbors used to
suffer on the second, I tell you."

Cabbage night! That's the title the
American boy applies to Halloween.
And a right lusty, sturdy savage the
American boy is like to be on that night.
It must be confessed that the joys of
cabbage night, its breathless exertions
and runnings here and there in the dark-
ness, its pulling of bells and knocking
at doors, its lifting and lugging of gates,
its stretching of ropes across paths to
trip the unwary, all seem rather flat
and silly to the man whose hair is get-
ting gray and who is beginning to be
fat or rheumatic or perhaps both. But
they weren't flat and silly some 20 or
30 years ago, were they, old fellow? Do
you remember what fun you had stealth-
ily trying two cabbages to Deacon El-
lie's front door knob on cabbage night
in 1887 or 1888? How you then knock-
ed at the door and dodged behind the
big cherry tree in the yard where Tom
Waters was hidden before you? How
you then saw the young theological stu-
dent, who was "settin up" with the
deacon's pretty niece, when he opened



A LITTLE SERMON.

the door? How he was so angry when
he saw the joke that he began to say
something that sounded very much like
a "big, big D?" How you snickered so
loud that he heard you, and darting out
into the darkness caught you both and
dragged you into the parlor, where he
stood you, nearly helpless with mortifi-
cation, before his sweetheart, preached
you a little sermon, smiling the while,
which sounded very funny to the young
lady, but very serious to you? And how
at the windup he confessed that he had
himself done such things when he was
a boy, but thought them rude and sug-
gested that in future you spend Hallow-

een going about restoring unhinged
gates to their own and the commission
of other similar good deeds?

If that reminiscence be not one of
yours, then one somewhat similar prob-
ably is unless you were a city boy, as I
was not. I suppose there is no doubt
that town born lads have quite as much
fun in their weak way and manner as
country lads, but I must confess I have
never been able to understand how.

It is not putting it inaccurately, I
imagine, to say that Halloween, ob-
served according to the methods that
are time honored across the ocean, is a
new institution, comparatively speak-
ing at least, in America. It was brought
here by settlers who came latter than
the Puritans, by immigrants who came
to better their condition and not for
liberty of conscience. In some sections
where the population is largely made
up of this latter element the old Eng-
lish, Scotch and Irish legends undoubt-
edly obtain, yet it is extremely doubt-
ful if there is one-tenth of the Hallow-
een superstition anywhere in the
United States that exists in the mother
country unless it is among the negroes
of the south, where, since the extreme
observances of the occasion resemble
those of the "voodoo doctors" so close-
ly, it has been completely assimilated
into the system of superstitions held by
the children of Africa.

A sort of half belief in Halloween
superstition has been widely dissemi-
nated by the boarding schools of the
land, and it is safe to assume that there
is far more of Halloween observance
among the children and young folks of
the rich and well to do than among
those whose parents work for wages
throughout the land. It is quite cus-
tomary nowadays for parents to plan
Halloween parties for their children, at
which many of the sports of the season
are entered into.

Bobbing for apples, throwing apple
peelings over one's shoulder to see what
initials the peelings will form, pouring
melted lead into water for a similar
purpose and the like are favorite diver-
sions at these little parties. As diversions
they are harmless, but in all seriousness
the inculcation of superstitions at Hal-
loween, or any other time, for that mat-
ter, should be avoided, for the human
creature is desperately inclined to be
superstitious, no matter how modern,
and there is nothing more torturing
in life than to be a victim of some be-
lief in the significance of omens and
signs and presentiments, even if the vic-
tim knows in his inmost heart that
there is nothing at all to justify such
belief.

As a study the folklore of Hallow-
een is most interesting. The origin of
the observance is unmistakably Druid-



TWO HAZEL NUTS I THREW INTO THE FLAME
ical, and, although the date was shifted
to that of All Souls' night when Chris-
tianity usurped heathenism among the
Teutons, the Anglo-Saxons and the Celts,
there is nothing about its legends and
ceremonies that does not savor of the
pagan. Pulling the kail (or cabbage) to
find if one's spouse to be will be stout
or lean is one, and from this no
doubt came the hilarious phantasies of
the American cabbage night. Hazel nuts
and chestnuts play an important part in
English Halloween observances. The
poet Gray tells of this most delightfully
in these lines:

Two hazel nuts I threw into the flame,
And to each nut I gave a sweetheart's name.
This with the loudest bounce me sure amazed,
That in a flame of brightest color blazed.
As blazes not so may thy passion grow,
For 'twas thine own that did so brightly glow.

In the old days it was believed that
witches did travel abundantly on Hal-
loween. The fairies, too, did then dis-
port themselves most friskily, and spells
then worked that worked no other night.
The burning of bonfires was general in
Wales and Scotland on Halloween, and
lads and maybe lasses, too, then went
out masked and dressed in garments of
quaint design.

There were also many games on Hal-
loween in other times of which nothing
is preserved, save in tradition. Some of
these games were such as would not
be admissible now, for the refine-
ment of those old days was much less
than that of today, no matter how they
may have excelled the present in other
directions. Those games which had for
their object the discovery of a future
husband's or wife's identity were nat-
urally most popular. Here is a recipe
for securing an answer to the question
supposed to be most important to every
girl. It is from an ancient publication,
entitled "The True Fortune Teller."

"To know whether a woman will
have the man she wishes get two
lemon peels. Wear them all day, one in
each pocket. At night rub the four posts
of the bedstead with them. If she is to
succeed, the person will appear in her
sleep and present her with a couple of
lemons. If not, there is no hope."

Here is one from the latitude of Chi-
cago. It is especially adapted to city ob-
servance, but it is not warranted: Fill
four month with salt and run around
the block, when your true love will of a
surety show himself.

Eva Lovett has put this one into
rhyme. It is an old favorite with all
Halloween devotees:

At midnight lone humped was thrown
(The peeping elves can see).
"I saw humped, my love, indeed,
Come garner after me!"

M. I. DEKTER.

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silver, can be purchased for the sum of
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then a lighter one can be procured with
natural handle for the low price of \$3
to \$5 or a red silk one with cover and
tassel for \$4.95.

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size and range in price from \$7 to \$11,
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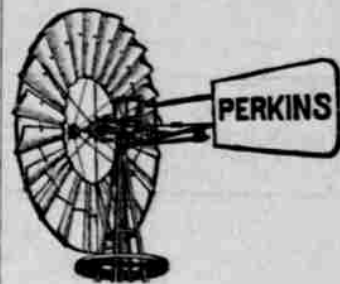
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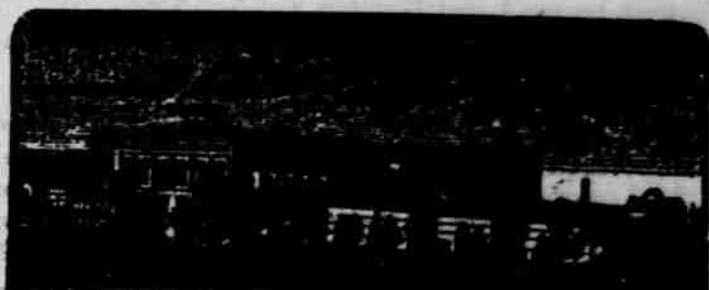
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